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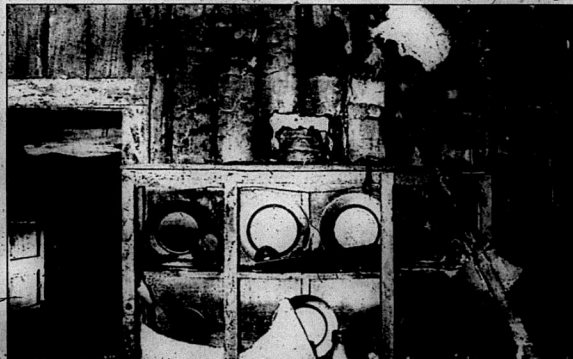
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## Sun Spots

**PBCC Golf Tourney**  
 Palm Beach Community College's Glades Campus will be hosting the 13th Annual Golf Scholarship Tournament on Saturday, Oct. 23 at the Belle Glade Country Club, West Lake Road, Belle Glade.

Registration is at 8 a.m. and tee off is at 9 a.m. Entry fee of \$40 includes greens fee, cart, beverage and lunch.

To register call the Pro Shop at 996-6605.

**Grassy Waters Festival & Car Show**  
 The 1999 Grassy Waters Festival & Car Show is scheduled for Nov. 20 and volunteers are needed to help make this 11th annual festival the very best.

The next committee meeting for the festival is Monday, Oct. 4 at 6:30 p.m. at the Pahokee Chamber of Commerce. Everyone is invited.

**Farm Bureau Annual Dinner set for Oct. 4**  
 The annual Western Palm Beach County Farm Bureau Dinner and Meeting has been re-scheduled for Monday, October 4 at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center.

During the event, the Everglades Agricultural Area Farm Family of the Year will be announced. A silent auction will also be held.

Guest speaker will be Michael J. Martin, vice president of Ag and Natural Resources. A social hour begins at 6:30 p.m. and dinner is served at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$15 per person. For reservations call the Western Palm Beach County Farm Bureau office at 996-0343.

**Presentation at First Baptist Church**  
 Heaven's Gates & Hell's Flames, a dramatized real life presentation will be presented at the First Baptist Church, 17 N.W. Avenue B, Belle Glade on Sunday, Sept. 26 through Wednesday, Sept. 29 and again Oct. 3-6. All presentations begin at 7 p.m. and admission is free. A nursery is provided.

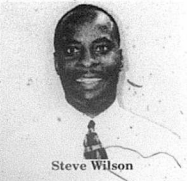
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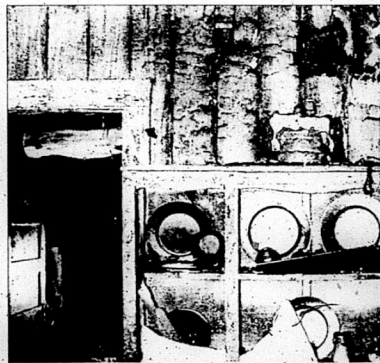
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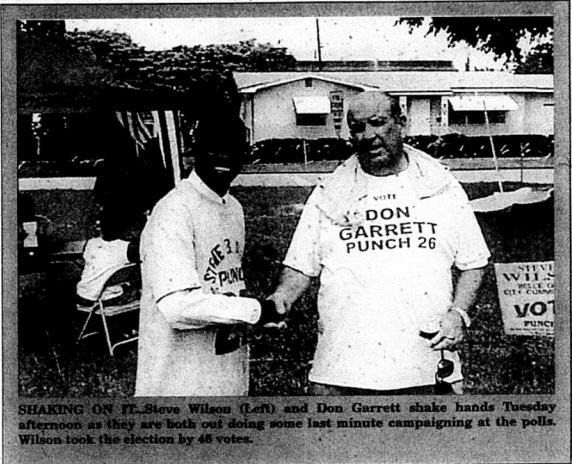
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## Three named senior vice presidents at Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative

Recognizing their hard work and dedication, the Board of Directors of Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative of Florida made the following promotions at its September 16 board meeting:

Jose Alvarez has been named Senior Vice President - Planning and Plant Operations. Mr. Alvarez joined the Cooperative in 1989. Prior to joining the Cooperative, he served for nine years as the General Manager of Atlantic Sugar Association. Mr. Alvarez sits on the Board of Directors of the Sugar Processing Research Institute (SPRI) and is past president of the American Society of Sugar Cane Technologists and sits on the Board of Refined Sugars Inc. Mr. Alvarez is also active in community activities and sits on the School Advisory Committee at St. Luke's

School.

Tony Contreras has been named Senior Vice President - Marketing. Mr. Contreras joined the Cooperative in 1984 and was named Vice President - Marketing and Legislative Affairs in 1987. Prior to joining the Cooperative, he spent 11 years in the sugar division of Gulf and Western Industries, Inc. as Assistant Vice President of Marketing and Strategic Planning, working in both Florida and the Dominican Republic. He presently serves as Vice President and Chairman of the Board of Refined Sugars Inc. He also sits on the Board of Directors of Florida Sugar Marketing & Terminal Association, the Florida Molasses Exchange and the Sugar Association, Inc.

Bill Kramer has been named Senior Vice President - General

Manager. Mr. Kramer joined the Cooperative in 1982 as the Controller and was promoted to Vice President - General manager in 1987. Prior to joining the Cooperative, he worked for General Mills Restaurant Group in Orlando. Mr. Kramer is active in a variety of community-related activities including membership in the Palm Beach County Economic Council and sits on the Board of Directors of Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association, Palm Beach County Cultural Council and serves as president of the PACE Center for Girls.

"The professionalism and dedication of these gentlemen are a real asset to the Cooperative," said Cooperative President George H. Wedgworth. "It's a pleasure to be able to recognize them for their contributions to our organization."



### Asthma sufferers invited to meeting

The Agency for Health Care Administration, along with various sponsors from the health care community, will present Asthma Adventure on Saturday, Oct. 2 at Glades Central Community High School Gymnasium from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The free interactive event will give children and adults suffering from asthma, and their families, an opportunity to learn about the disease and how to manage it. Participants will learn "belly breathing" for self-relaxation and how to prepare for asthma attacks through a puppet show featuring Rory the Lion.

Health care providers will be available to answer questions and participants will receive free food and gifts, including instructional videos, asthma management diaries, peak flow meters and spacers.

Glades Central is located at 1001 S.W. Avenue M, Belle Glade.

For more information, please call Pat Glynn or Kim Reed at (850) 922-5871.

### Group is organizing HIV Ministries

The Glades Area Council of Pastors, Spouses and Representatives will be holding an organizational meeting for HIV Ministries on Thursday, Sept. 30 at 6 p.m.

The meeting will be held at Mt. Zion African Methodist Episcopal Church, 248 S.W. 10th Street, Belle Glade. Rev. Isaac Solomon Jones is the pastor.

Please send your representative who will be part of the HIV Ministries. Pastors and spouses

and representatives will attend. This meeting is open to the general public. Come and represent your church in an effort to stop the spread of the HIV virus in the Glades.

For more information call 996-3898 or Alyx Schaffer, SHIP Outreach Coordinator at 954-467-4747.

### Grassy Waters Bakeoff

Glades residents are urged to search through their favorite recipes now and plan to enter the Grassy Waters Festival 10th Annual Bakeoff on Nov. 20.

Participants can enter as many recipes as they would like. Rules and regulations, classification of entries, along with registration forms may be picked up at the Pahokee Chamber of Commerce Office, Pahokee.

### AIDS Walk & Run for Life is Oct. 2

On October 2 the City of Pahokee and the Aids Coalition of the Glades, Inc. will sponsor the annual AIDS Walk & Run for Life.

Volunteers are needed to help out with this worthy event. To participate or for more information, call Juanita D. Maybin at 924-9643.

### Holiday closing

All Palm Beach County library system locations will be closed on Monday, October 11, in observance of Columbus Day. No library material will be due on this day.

All locations will reopen on Tuesday, October 12, at their regular hours.

### Chamber Awards Banquet Oct. 25

The Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards Banquet will be held Monday, Oct. 25.

During the event, the Chamber will announce the Citizen of the Year, Agri-Business Person of the Year, Community

Pride, Police and Firefighter of the Year.

For ticket information call the Chamber at 996-2745.

### Young girls invited

The Glades Ebonyque Ladies (GEL's) Club will hold a Kick-Off Meeting on Saturday, Oct. 16 at 11 a.m. at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church in Pahokee for all girls in grades 6-8 interested in becoming involved in community outreach activities, positive mentoring, self-esteem beauty consulting, educational tutoring and support, career and goals counseling.

Parents and their daughters are invited to attend this informational gathering.

Refreshments will be served. Parents may contact GEL Carolyn Grown at 924-2924 or GEL Alma Morman at 996-2555 or any member of the club for sign up information.

### Parent workshop for Pre-K and K parents

Family First, a family involvement resource center located on the campus of Glades Central Community High School, is hosting a parent workshop on Wednesday, Oct. 6, from 6 to 8 p.m.

The workshop is for parents of pre-kindergarten and kindergarten children.

Parents will be provided with effective strategies and hands-on methods promoting family involvement.

For additional information, please call 993-4082.

### Upcoming show at DH

The Dukes of Dixieland will perform at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center on Friday, October 22 at 7:30 p.m.

Founded in 1949, this group is the oldest continuing jazz band in America.

Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$15 for seniors and \$5 for students/children.

Tickets can be purchased in advance by contacting the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center at 9926160.



**SECOND COMMUNITY CLEANUP.** The City of Belle Glade, Boys & Girls Club and Glades Positive Alternative Partnership teamed up with local citizens for the event, which was held Saturday, Sept. 25. Over 70 people helped clean up the area from Avenue E east to the business district and from Main Street to U-Save Supermarket and up to Canal Street. Another cleanup is planned for April of 2000.

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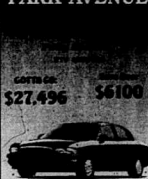
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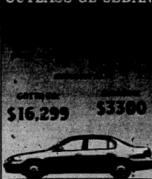
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# ER Chronicles: Finally, the closet walls stopped moving



Arlen R. Stauffer, M.D.

Jerome huddled against the closet wall. The wind howled in the night darkness, the rain pelted the plywood covering the windows, and there were creaking sounds above him that Jerome had never heard before now.

He felt the closet walls move, and wished that he had evacuated with his family yesterday. He heard glass shatter, and wondered why he had thought it was important to stay in their home during the storm.

It was too late to leave; there was no alternate plan now. The darkness in the closet filled with fear.

There was a loud crash, and the noise of the wind pressed right up against Jerome's closet wall. The wall shuddered, and several popping sounds followed. There was a sudden, searing pain in the thigh that he had been pushing so tightly against the wall.

Jerome couldn't see anything in the darkness, but he felt a warm trickle oozing down behind his right leg.

There were more crashing sounds. Jerome knew he was about to die. He talked to God. Minutes passed one by one. Cold rainwater pooled on the closet floor. The deafening night went on and on. Finally, as the first hints of morning light grew through the cracks, the incessant noise began subsiding, and the closet walls stopped moving.

Like most of the staff at the Oceanview Hospital ER, emergency physician Tammy Cortez had moved into the hospital the night before the storm. Although a couple windows had blown into some sixth floor rooms during the night, the

hospital survived quite nicely, and now, with the wind and rain beginning to subside, Cortez sat and waited.

There had been no patients in the ER since midnight; there had been no way for anyone to get there. The ER staff knew that would change soon.

Jerome crawled out of his closet and looked at his watch: 9 o'clock. He looked around at what was left of his home. About half of it remained. He got his first look at that right thigh, a large piece of splintered wood had apparently come through the closet wall, and it was sticking a couple inches out of his flesh from the side of his leg.

When he tried to bend his knee, the pain intensified and the end of the wood impaled his leg, moved. At least, it looked like the bleeding had stopped.

He lived a mile from Oceanview Hospital. He began crawling in the rain. That mile turned into a two hour trip, with Jerome on two hands and one knee, dragging the aching right leg. He crawled across broken tree limbs. He cut his hands on broken glass.

He was pulling himself up the ramp to the ER when he was spotted. Two young men hurried out with a wheel chair and loaded Jerome into it. One of them accidentally nudged the piece of wood further into the leg; Jerome winced again in pain, then began crying, more out of a sense of relief at having arrived at the hospital rather than because of his injury.

As he was wheeled into the waiting room of the ER, Jerome looked up through the dripping raindrops and tears.

He moaned at what he saw, the place was packed. He saw broken, and bleeding bodies everywhere. This was straight out of a horror show.

Dr. Tammy Cortez ran from stretcher to stretcher in the ER. Some of the beds were stacked side by side in the ER rooms, others were simply set alongside the hallway walls. Nurses ran at least as fast as Cortez, lab technicians were labeling blood tubes carefully, and four other staff physicians, including two surgeons who had also spent the night at the hospital, joined in the fray.

In spite of what should have seemed like total chaos, everyone, even patients like Jerome, who were in pain, waited quietly for their own turn. There was a sense among them that this was "us against that hurricane." Without having ever met each other, they were now a team, fighting together against a common enemy: doctors, nurses, patients, and friends all pulling together.

Some of these folks had just lost friends or relatives, most of the ER staff did not know whether their own families were safe. No one complained.

Jerome finally heard his name called and, without thinking, tried to get up to walk into the ER. He fell flat on his face, his right leg bouncing on the tile floor. He held his breath for a minute, then was helped back up into the wheel chair. He made it onto a stretcher, where a technician began cleaning the area around the leg wound, and washing the dried blood from his hands. The ER tech then re-checked Jerome's blood pressure.

"Hi. I'm Dr. Cortez," She stuck out a hand; Jerome grabbed onto it like she was a long-lost friend.

"Let me take a look at that leg. A lot of people have been hurt in this storm, Jerome, but we're going to get you fixed up as soon as we can."

After a quick, but focused examination of Jerome, from head to toe, Cortez delivered the news.

"Jerome, it looks like this piece of broken lumber ran right on into the muscles in your thigh," Jerome noticed that she seemed genuinely concerned.

"It doesn't look like it got into the artery but this is quite a dirty, contaminated wound, and there is a real chance that it could get infected, so we're going to have to get this removed and have the wound cleaned out really well."

"OK, Doc," Jerome whispered. "Whatever you have to do."

"I'm going to get some antibiotics started in your IV line, Jerome, and then I'll get one of the surgeons to take you up to the Operating Room to take care of this."

With that, she whirled back out of his room. He didn't see her in his room again. Jerome remained quiet still on the stretcher; there was hardly any pain if he kept every muscle quiet.

Although another hour passed, interrupted only once by another blood pressure check, Jerome did not complain. He was sure that others in the ER probably needed the surgeons more than he did. He saw Cortez run by his doorway every few minutes.

He wondered how his friends and neighbors had fared, he thought about his wife and two kids. They must be frightened; surely they've heard of the destruction in this area by now, and they must be wondering.

He remembered his daughter's final words as she closed the car door yesterday: "Daddy, make sure you be careful. Don't get hurt. Why can't you go with us?"

He could see his wife's face in the car window as the family left. It was a look that combined fear for his safety with incredulosity at his decision to stay at home.

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made a different decision yesterday.

Dr. Stauffer, an emergency

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## Cholesterol levels can be confusing



Katrina Elksen lead to

Contributing heart disease. America's number one killer. According to AHA research, more than half of all Americans still have levels that are too high. Part of the problem could be that many Americans simply don't understand what cholesterol levels mean. How high is too high? What about "good" cholesterol?

Most doctors regard a total cholesterol level above 200 to be potentially dangerous, according to the Mayo Clinic. The total level includes both the HDL (high density lipoproteins) and LDL (low density lipoprotein). HDL is considered the "good" cholesterol. LDL is the "bad" kind.

However, even the "bad" cholesterol isn't always bad. Your body makes cholesterol and you can't live without it. Cholesterol is used by the body to make estrogen and testosterone, vitamin D, bile, skin oils and the sheaths for nerve and brain cells. The average human body makes 1,000 milligrams of cholesterol each day.

However, too much cholesterol can be a problem. Excess LDL can clog arteries.

The Mayo Clinic charts indicate that an LDL level of 130 or more can be dangerous.

Your HDL level should be at least 45, the charts

show. HDL helps clean arteries, so if this level is too low, it can be a problem. But there is something else to consider, and that is the ratio of LDL to HDL. If your HDL

levels are low, then what otherwise would be considered a "good" level of LDL can be a problem.

If you divide your LDL level

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Dr. Ford is now doing dentistry at Dr. Ray Behm's office, located at 124 S.W. First Street in Belle Glade, across from Gilbert's Jewelers. Dr. Ford's telephone number is 561-998-0111.



# OPINION PAGE

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## Homes at Villa Lago

"I'm calling about the homes out at Villa Lago. I can't give my name at this time, but I would like to know why the two families living out there have not closed on the property. What is Villa Lago accepting rent from those people? Is it that Centro Campesino is broke? Because they can't seem to finish the other 97 homes that are already out there. Why has no contract been filed on the other homes?"

These are questions that need to be answered by Centro and not to be put on hold when you call out there or when you ask to be refunded the \$1,000 you put down on a home to be refunded. They tell you that you will lose half of it when you give 90 days to have the contract to move in and now it has been almost three years. They haven't moved in yet.

Also, it is true that the two family members who live out there in the two Villa Lago homes haven't closed and that they are paying rent?

This is not a rumor, it's a fact. I've talked to the lady and the man who are renting the homes. Why aren't they owning the homes? They were told they would own the homes.

I think Centro is not doing right and just taking money to build up their money.

Thank you."

Steve Mainster with Centro Campesino responds: "It is certainly true that Villa Lago has gotten off to a slow start. This has been due to the slow release of government funding for construction and mortgages. This slow progress has been disappointing and frustrating to us also. However, we expect funds to be released in the next 30 days allowing us to close on the first two completed units and to renovate the next five units for our buyers. Centro Campesino has built or renovated and sold over 100 affordable homes in the Glades area in the last 10 years. The Villa Lago project is the first time we have had a slow down in production. After we finish the next five homes at Villa Lago, we plan to complete 30 homes a year. Funds have been committed to completely renovate the day care center, as well."

The first two families have moved into their completed homes at Villa Lago, paying rent until their mortgage is released and their home purchase closes. This is often done in similar situations. Families who have chosen not to wait for their homes to begin construction at Villa Lago have bought homes elsewhere with our help and have received a full refund of their deposits.

We want to thank those families who are waiting patiently for their homes to begin construction or their homes to close. In a short time we expect to be under way at Villa Lago."

## Information for drivers

"I just wanted motorists to know that they can now turn right on red at Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd and 10th Street next to Lake Shore Middle School.

The "No turn on red" sign has been taken down."

**Editor's note:** "We spoke with Chief of Police and Director of Public Safety Michael Miller who said the sign has been removed. Drivers can now turn right on red after making a complete stop.

Also, on another note, we received several Speak Out calls we cannot run. One concerned possible price gouging by a local hotel during the threat of Hurricane Floyd. I suggest this caller inform the Better Business Bureau by calling 561-686-2200. We also received a written Speak Out that was racialized motivated. We will not run these types of letters. Another writer sent a Speak Out that was basically the same as one she called in a few weeks ago. Pahokee City Manager responded to this caller's concerns and we will not ask him to respond to the same questions a second time.

## PHA responds to Speak Out

"The purpose of this article is to respond to concerns raised by a caller in last week's Speak Out column. First, with respect to the caller's concern regarding 'getting assistance

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# Letters to the Editor

## An apology from murderer would be nice

Dear Editor:

I find it very interesting that convicted murderer Derry Brown of Glades Correctional Institution gave expressions of sympathy for the families mentioned in the paper a few weeks ago when he has not found it in his heart to offer an apology or condolences to the family who he has caused great pain.

Mr. Brown brutally murdered Glynis King, an innocent mother, daughter, and sister. Does he not have sympathy for her two kids who he left motherless at the age of two and 12? Does he not recognize the pain her family has endured as a result of his evil act?

We are aware that an apology cannot breathe life back into Glynis, nor will it erase the insufferable pain we feel, but if we could just hear him say those three little words, "I am sorry" with true sincerity, it would make a world of difference to us.

Sincerely,

Eddie King Jr. for the entire King family

## A program worth supporting and praising

Dear Editor:

New Hope Charities is an after school program for local kids who come to do homework and have fun.

I have been going for many years and each year that I return it gets better. The main purpose of the program is to help students with homework and provide a safe place for local kids. It houses about 60-75 students.

The facility also has a computer lab, a literacy program, a sex education program, a Baby Think-It Over program, and an awesome leadership development program where the older teens help out and volunteer around the program.

They also publish a newsletter written by the kids of New Hope.

We just returned from a trip to Walt Disney

World and it was fun.

The staff hopes to do more trips and things like these for the students.

Parents, this is a great program to sign your children up for! New Hope is very determined and will continue to grow for and with the community.

David Ruiz

## Charging toddlers \$5 for football games a hardship

Dear Editor:

This letter is in reference to the response Pahokee Middle/Senior High School Principals May D. Gamble gave to the Speak Out in the September 10, 1999 issue concerning ticket prices for toddlers at football games. In her response, Mrs. Gamble expressed concern for the condition of the bleachers and the intelligence of bringing a toddler to the game.

It is the responsibility of each school to make sure all sports facilities and equipment are in good condition. To say the bleachers are not a safe environment for young children is admitting that it is not in good condition and should therefore be replaced or repaired so that all spectators will be comfortable and pleased. Would paying \$5 for toddlers make these same bleachers more safe?

The Glades area is a small area with limited resources and outdoor family activities. Football games are sometimes the only source of family entertainment for some families to bond away from the home. Charging \$5 for a two year old child to attend a football game is outrageous. Many families can barely afford to pay for the adult and other members to attend the game. To pay \$5 for toddlers (under 5) is inconsiderable for someone's finances which are already limited due to lack of employment and other resources.

Thank you.

Mrs. Tiffany Powell  
Pahokee

# Guest Editorial

By Jim Towey, President  
Aging With Dignity  
Tallahassee

In Florida this year, 160,000 will die - some suddenly, others after a long illness, and most unprepared. For too many, their last days will be made miserable because they never planned for or discussed with their family and physician the kind of care they wanted. This misery is avoidable.

Florida's legislature and Governor Bush took a big step in helping make clear to citizens their rights to control end of life care decisions. That new law, which includes significant changes, takes effect October 1. But what good are those rights if the majority of citizens don't know how to exercise them? Only one in five Floridians has filled out an advance directive. Two years ago Chief Justice Harding and his wife, Jane, along with beloved former Governor Lawton Chiles and Rhea, helped us promote advance care planning by filling out Five Wishes. Since that time Five Wishes has reached over 300,000 Florida homes, and about 625,000 homes nationwide. While we are pleased with that progress, and happy that we could distribute nearly a half million copies without a penny from the recipients, we are far from satisfied.

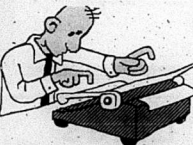
We are here today to announce a unique pilot program to take discussions about end of life care directly to the workplace. One good way to get people talking with their spouse or parents is to start at the office. We can't wait until the bedside, during a time of crisis, to bring this important subject up. These conversations need to take place in the living room, and the workplace is a great place to arm people for the discussion and educate them on their rights and how to exercise them. We tested this approach in Maryland, with the Attorney General's office, and it was a huge success.

We are thrilled that Governor Bush and other state leaders are taking the lead in this effort to help Floridians have peace of mind about this difficult subject. While we must continue to promote advance directives with Florida's elders - the group most likely to fill out an advance directive - we need to target baby boomers and those of younger generations, if we are going to change care at the end of life.

Thanks to a \$492,003 grant from The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Aging With Dignity will be making Five Wishes services available to the employees of six government agencies: Governor Bush's office, Attorney General Butterworth's office, Comptroller Bob Milligan's office, Treasurer Bill Nelson's office, House Speaker John Thrasher's office, and the new recruits of the Florida Highway Patrol. Aging With Dignity will provide support to these offices and evaluate how this pilot program works.

After two full years of outreach, I've learned a few things. People want to be a good son or daughter when their parents are dying. They want their spouse or family members to know how to treat them at the end of life. With the new law taking effect, and because nearly three out of four Florida deaths take place in a hospital or nursing home, the importance of advance care planning has never been greater. Five Wishes works, and we hope millions of Floridians take the next step and use it.

**Editor's note:** Copies of Five Wishes may be obtained by writing to Aging with Dignity, P.O. Box 1661, Tallahassee, FL 32302. Individual copies are \$5 each, and orders of 10 or more are \$1 per copy. No Floridian will be denied a copy of Five Wishes because of an inability to pay. To find out more about Five Wishes services, call



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LOOKING BACK TO 1967...IN the Belle Glade Reimber High School Yearbook Junior Gail Parker and Donna Gayle Chaney are shown baking a cake in their home economics class while Sandy Betts (background) washes the dirty dishes.

**Alzheimer's/From Pg. 1**

testing to identify the characteristic memory, language and other cognitive and non-cognitive symptoms. Mental status testing should include remembering three unrelated words, name parts of common objects, and the clock-drawing test.

The screening for the types of illness that mimic Alzheimer's Disease involves laboratory testing with particular emphasis on thyroid function, vitamin B-12 levels and inflammatory or infectious states such as neurosyphilis or HIV.

CAT scan or MRI are useful in order to exclude structural lesions which may contribute to the dementia such as cerebral infarctions, neoplasms, extra-cerebral fluid collections and hydrocephalus.

Most of these tests have been performed at the Veteran's Administration Hospital in Riviera Beach and more than

two years ago, the conclusion was stated, "exhibits decline of cognitive memory, poor decision making skills and inability to understand abstract concepts."

The report basically said he exhibited Alzheimer's-type symptoms.

Now currently available tests before death can provide definitive diagnosis despite the commercial availability of genetic and spinal fluid markers and neuro-imaging.

The average survival for patients diagnosed with probable Alzheimer's disease is about eight years, though the range is wide and may extend in excess of 15 years. Younger onset patients may have somewhat more aggressive courses, with prominent language and visuospatial problems. Delirium or acute confusion is a common complication of dementia even with fairly mild metabolic derangements.

The management of Alzheimer's Disease and dementia is complex; ideally, it involves an interdisciplinary approach to assessment, treatment and education.

The role of the caregivers can be vital to effective care of the patient with Alzheimer's. A multidisciplinary treatment approach can be greater than any medical or pharmacological intervention in isolation.

Non-pharmacological management of patients is desirable whenever possible. Increased socialization, such as through day-care programs and improved sleep hygiene may minimize the need for pharmacological intervention for many difficult behaviors. Acute changes in behavior suggest a complicating factor such as infection or metabolic disturbance. A major goal of the overall treatment plan should be the prevention of excess disability.

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paying their rent," I am assuming the caller was referring to getting payment extensions. Presently, rent is based on thirty percent of a family's adjusted income.

The authority's rent collection policies require that rent be paid on or before the first of the month. It becomes delinquent after the fifth. The HA then issues a delinquent notice, allowing an additional 14 days before any type legal action is considered.

The Department of HUD requires the PHA to establish policies to recognize hardship cases. Such policies are in effect at the authority and are being followed.

Change is constant with HUD, as well as with most organizations today. Many of the new HUD changes require more stringent operating practices (the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998 and the Public Housing Assessment System). The entire con-

cept of public housing is rapidly changing.

The trend is for housing authorities, as well as the families they serve, to become self-sufficient. Part of these changes will involve obtaining financial solvency, therefore, all parties must meet their financial obligations in a timely manner.

You may contact our office at 924-5565 for more information on these new changes.

To answer the caller's concern regarding the unit chosen for a demonstration bathroom, the decision was not one of the authority, but of the contractor.

The bathroom was absolutely of no cost to the authority, the contractor was extremely impressed with the immaculate condition in which that particular unit was kept; they, therefore, selected it as a model unit.

**Julia Hale, Executive Director  
Victor Atkins, Deputy Director**

**CRIME STOPPERS**

Barry Williams

Crime Stoppers of Palm Beach County, Inc., is asking citizens to help locate **Barry Williams** who is wanted for possession of a weapon on school property, disrupting a school function, armed trespass and obstruction without violence.

Williams is a black male, 6'1" tall, and weighs 165 pounds. He has black hair and brown eyes and his date of birth is September 12, 1980. His last known address was

227 N.W. 15th Street, Belle Glade.

His Social Security number is 158-72-2468 and his last occupation is unknown. His warrant was active as of September 21, 1999.

If you know the whereabouts of Barry Williams or anyone involved in a serious crime, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-458-8477. You can remain anonymous, and still receive a cash reward if your tip leads to an arrest.

**Arrest Blotters**

**Editor's note:** The police news on this page lists arrests, not convictions, unless otherwise stated. Arrested persons who later are found not guilty or have had the charges against them dropped are welcome to let us know. We will confirm the information and print it.

**BELLE GLADE**

The Belle Glade Police Department handled 572 complaints and gave 56 traffic citations the week of September 20-26.

Those arrested included:

**September 20 - Craig Harpe**, 18, failure to appear on charges of armed robbery; **Ezeviel Harpe**, 18, failure to appear on charges of armed robbery; **Parrish Roberson**, 36, resisting arrest with violence; **Lorraine Johnson**, 33, felony retail theft.

**September 21 - Rubin Baldwin**, 30, contempt of court.

**September 22 - Juvenile**, 17, burglary of a vehicle and grand theft; **Willie Dennard**, 27, strong arm robbery and petty theft.

**September 23 - Stacky Wells**, 24, two counts of burglary of a structure, two counts of petty theft; **Gene Hampton**, 49, possession of narcotic paraphernalia; **Anthony McPhee**, 27, obstruction by a disguised person; **Edward Johnson**, 26, failure to appear on charges of driving with a suspended driver's license.

**September 24 - Juvenile**, 17, warrant for introduction of contraband into a state correctional facility and for possession of marijuana under 20 grams; **Demertes Harris**, 18, failure to appear on charges of aggravated battery; **Cornelius Jones**, 22, possession of marijuana under 20 grams.

**September 25 - Reimundo Velazco**, 28, opposing and obstructing by a disguised person and petty theft; **Juvenile**, 16, loitering and prowling; **Joseph Rushing**, 38, aggravated domestic battery; **Keturah Robinson**, 19, retail theft.

**September 26 - James Simms**, 22, violation of probation; **Shannon Smith**, 28, two counts of violation of probation; **Richard Ramos**, 19, failure to appear on charges of attaching a registration tag not assigned; **Deirda Smith**, 19, violation of probation;

**Temekia Laidler**, 19, violation of probation and failure to appear on charges of obstruction without violence.

**PAHOKEE**

The Pahokee Police Department made 7 arrests, handled 181 calls and issued 16 traffic citations the week of September 20-26.

Those arrested included:

**September 20 - Kelvin Williams**, 20, burglary and petty theft.

**September 21 - Juvenile**, 16, aggravated battery; **Brenda Jean Hill**, 38, possession of drug paraphernalia.

**September 22 - Robert Conly**, 35, possession of cocaine and possession of drug paraphernalia.

**September 23 - No arrests made.**

**September 24 - Sandra Orzach**, 35, prostitution, grand theft.

**September 25 - Juan Martinez**, 23, open container violation.

**September 26 - Juvenile**, 16, aggravated assault.

**SOUTH BAY**

The South Bay Police Department made 5 arrests the week of September 19-25.

Those arrested included:

**September 19 - Juvenile**, 12, warrant for a pick-up order.

**September 20 - No arrests made.**

**September 21 - Theodore Green**, 35, trespassing.

**September 22 - No arrests made.**

**September 23 - Derrick Robinson**, 21, warrant for failure to appear; **Jeremiah Dunning**, 22, warrant for aggravated battery with a deadly weapon.

**September 24 - James Kiesel**, 41, warrant.

**September 25 - No arrests made.**

**Yes, they still bury sailboats in Corpus Christi**

They still bury sailboats in Corpus Christi, Texas. That was the thought running through my mind as I watched CNN's coverage of Hurricane Bret.

The powerful category four storm made landfall in sparsely-populated Kennedy county, midway between Corpus Christi and Brownsville. Despite Bret's high winds and heavy rains, damage to the area was considered minor.

Yet, as they should, officials in southern Texas took the threat from Bret seriously. Residents were evacuated, shelters were opened, emergency plans were put into action, and sailboats were buried in the ground.

A smile swept across my face as the CNN reporter showed the world how Corpus Christi buries its sailboats. It was a scene I had observed once before, 11 years ago as another hurricane headed toward south Texas.

That hurricane was named Gilbert, one of the most powerful storms of the century. In fact, Gilbert holds the record for the lowest sea level pressure ever recorded in the Western Hemisphere at 888 MB or 26.23".

After slamming into Jamaica with 116 mph sustained winds in September of 1988, Gilbert headed toward the Gulf of



Mike Lyons

Mexico. The National Hurricane Center predicted Gilbert would make landfall somewhere in Texas.

I arrived in Houston, Texas on September 12 as Hurricane Gilbert swept across the Yucatan Peninsula. The storm had weakened some during its travels over the Yucatan but was expected to regain its strength once it was over the warm waters of the Gulf.

The forecast called for landfall near Corpus Christi and that's where I was headed next.

As my crew and I drove to Corpus Christi, we noticed an unusual traffic pattern had developed along the Texas interstate. No cars were going south to Corpus Christi. The highway was completely empty.

The northbound lanes, on the other hand, were packed with every type of vehicle one can imagine, full of anxious people

trying to escape the massive hurricane.

There was only a handful of people left in Corpus Christi, mostly police officers and city workers. The residents had decided they were not going to take any chances with Hurricane Gilbert.

As we arrived at the city-owned marina, I saw one of the most unusual sights I had ever witnessed in my career in covering hurricanes. I watched as a trench was dug in the middle of the city's boulevard. A huge crane picked a sailboat out of the marina and placed its keel in the trench.

A city official explained that burying the sailboats was the only way to protect them from the storm. There was no place to shelter the boats and if left in the marina the sailboats would be ripped apart.

Hurricane Gilbert, never regaining its category 5 intensity, veered south into northern Mexico. Corpus Christi and south Texas was spared.

CNN's coverage of Hurricane Bret brought back my memories of covering Hurricane Gilbert. Memories of frightened people, empty streets and a most creative way to protect sailboats.

Yes, they still bury sailboats in Corpus Christi, Texas.

(Mike Lyons is the chief weather forecaster for WPBF-TV)

**Katrina Elskin's column/From Pg. 3**

number by your HDL level number, the answer should be below 3. For example, if your LDL is 120 and your HDL is 39, this can indicate a problem. If your LDL is 120 and your HDL is 45, this looks pretty good.

The Mayo Clinic stresses that this information is for people without known heart disease. Those with heart disease or other health problems should consult their doctors regarding their tar-

get cholesterol levels.

Cholesterol levels are affected by a number of factors.

For example, smoking cigarettes can increase your "bad" cholesterol level.

Exercising can lower your "bad" cholesterol level. Stress can also cause your body to increase your "bad" cholesterol.

For more information on cholesterol, contact your doctor or call the American Heart Association at 1-800-242-8721.

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# Sports this week

## Glades Central rolls over Forest Hill



By Brenda Bunting

It was a blowout game for Glades Central last Friday night as the Raiders rolled over

Forest Hill with a score of 47-0. Raider Coach Milton Watson said some of the first line players didn't get much play in this game, since the score was so lopsided, but the whole team did a good job.

Ralph Ramsey, back-up tail back had an outstanding game, said Coach Watson. He rushed 10 times for 133 yards and made three touchdowns.

"Our offensive line also did a

great job," said Coach Watson. "The game was out of reach early on," he noted.

The Raiders are continuing to work on their game and "we're looking down the road to get better every week," said the coach. "We're still making mistakes, and we've got a way to go, but we're working to get to where we can be very competitive," he said.

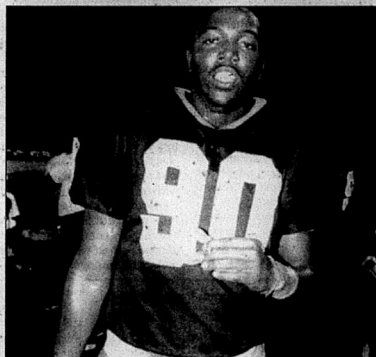
Next week, the Raiders play

Cardinal Newman at home on Friday night.

Coach Watson said Cardinal Newman's coach is "an old fox" and he expects a good game.

"They don't do a lot of different things, but what they do, they do well."

"They have some good players and their defense has some good size. They are aggressive. We'll see what happens," he said.



BIG A's Defensive Player of the Week is Roosevelt Johnson, a 6'6", 245 pound senior who played his heart out for his mom this week.



Glades Central's Drill Team poses for Big A in front of the final score against Forest Hill.

Glades Central photos by Adrian "Big A" Vereen

Pahokee High School photos by Robbie Everett

## Blue Devils defeat Wolverines 14-12



By Robbie Everett

The Pahokee Blue Devils defeated the Wellington Wolverines last Friday at Lair Field.

The 14-12 score was not an indication of the intensity of the game.

Pahokee's Eric Moore was all over the field with key plays. He blocked punts, had three quarterback sacks and foiled several pass plays.

Keyovis Bouie, sophomore running back, was the first Blue Devil this season to have a 100-plus yard game. Bouie scored both Blue Devil touch-

downs. Penalties kept Pahokee from capitalizing on five attempts in the red zone to score.

Defensive players Augustus McKoy, Demetrius Fitzgerald, Toquan Starks, Brantley Sisset and Doug Angram kept the Wolverines on the run.

Pahokee plays its first district game this Friday night in Boca Raton against Pope John Paul.



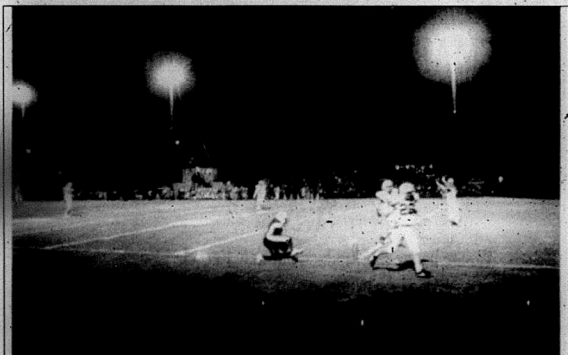
The Raider team gave 100 percent this week in their game against Forest Hill and the results showed on the scoreboard!



The Pahokee Drill Team and Majorettes are shown above.



The Patrick's and the Well's families always take time out from their busy schedule to support the Raiders football team. The Patrick's are owners of Glades Dry Cleaners and members of the Well's family also work in the business.



The Blue Devils defeated the Wellington Wolverines last Friday night with a score of 14-12.



GLADES DAY SCHOOL'S CROSS-COUNTRY TEAMS are off and running for the 1999 season. Eight boys and six girls went out for the sport, which is offered for the first time. Junior Peggy Altman is already in the school's history book by winning the cross country meet at LaBelle. She had earlier placed in the top five in her age division at Clewiston's 5K run and finished second overall in a meet at St. Edward's. Pictured first row, left to right are Peggy Altman, Sweta Patel, Veronica Muniz, Ashley Veale, Angie Gonzalez, Stephanie Lynn. Second row, from left are Jason Morris, Daniel Veale, Daniel Her-ring, McGhee Green, Patrick Cross, Jorge Moreno. Third row, from left are Ryan Shackelford and Tim Burns. Not pictured is Coach Angee Lohmann.

# PIGSKIN PICKS

Standings		
Player	Wins	Losses
Mike Burkett	37	6
Randy Gay	35	8
Ricky Godfrey	30	13
Rick Gold	34	9
Donny Moss	33	10
Billy Rimes	36	7
Adrian "Big A" Vereen	33	10

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## This Week's Games

Clewiston Tigers vs. Lake Wales

Glades Day Gators vs. Benjamin

Pahokee Blue Devils vs. Pope John Paul

Central Florida Golden Knights vs. Eastern Illinois

Florida Gators vs. Alabama

Florida State Seminoles vs. Duke

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## onTV

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- Winston Cup, NAPA AutoCare 500  
1 p.m. • Sunday • ESPN

### 1999 POINTS STANDINGS

WINSTON CUP	BUSCH	TRUCK
1. Dale Jarrett, 4,142	Dale Earnhardt Jr., 3,828	Greg Biffle, 3,412
2. Mark Martin, 3,805	Mark Kenseth, 3,715	Jack Sprague, 3,282
3. Bobby Labonte, 3,878	Jeff Green, 3,614	Dennis Setzer, 3,251
4. Tony Stewart, 3,858	Todd B. Loe, 3,346	Stacy Compton, 3,157
5. Jeff Burton, 3,731	Elton Sawyer, 3,257	Mike Wallace, 3,050
6. Jeff Gordon, 3,671	Jeff Purvis, 3,197	Jay Sauter, 3,044
7. Dale Earnhardt, 3,557	Jason Keller, 3,110	Ron Hornaday, 3,034
8. Rusty Wallace, 3,235	Randy LaJoie, 2,972	Audie Hixon, 2,981
9. Ward Burton, 3,063	Dave Blaney, 2,963	Mike Bliss, 2,914
10. Mike Skinner, 3,053	Mike McLaughlin, 2,829	Jimmy Hensley, 2,842

### TOP TEN

■ Weekly rankings by NASCAR This Week writer Monte Dutton. Last week's ranking is in parentheses.

- |                       |                               |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. (3) Dale Jarrett   | Back near the front           |
| 2. (4) Tony Stewart   | Three straight in the top two |
| 3. (5) Mark Martin    | Long-awaited second win       |
| 4. (1) Jeff Burton    | Not quite as consistent       |
| 5. (2) Bobby Labonte  | Fifth place isn't bad         |
| 6. (6) Jeff Gordon    | Team in turmoil               |
| 7. (7) Rusty Wallace  | Fourth pole of season         |
| 8. (8) Dale Earnhardt | Can't wait for Talladega      |
| 9. (9) Ward Burton    | Can he get a win?             |
| 10. (—) Kenny Irwin   | Three straight top-10s        |

### FROM LAST WEEK

#### WINSTON CUP SERIES

What a battle of wits. What a confrontation between old and new. What a crossroads skirmish between NASCAR Present and NASCAR Future.

Mark Martin, the 40-year-old Ford driver from Batesville, Ark., held off the typically fiery charge of 28-year-old sensation Tony Stewart in the MBNA Gold 400 at Dover. The contrast between the two stars — one a mainstay, the other emerging — could not have been greater.

Todd that Stewart had complained about his tires, Martin said, "I think if Tony hangs around this thing for a while, he'll have (tire problems) again. Some days that just happens. It's happened to me probably 30

times, but I've been around for a dozen years. Some days just go this way."

In other words, time to take your medicine, kid.

#### BUSCH GRAND NATIONAL

Nineteen-year-old Casey Atwood staked his place among the sport's future stars with his second victory. Atwood outdueled fellow Chevy driver Randy LaJoie to capture the MBNA Gold 200, also at Dover Downs International Speedway.

#### CRAFTSMAN TRUCKS

Ford driver Greg Biffle held off Jack Sprague for an apparent ninth victory of the season, but a post-race inspection revealed an unapproved intake manifold, so as this page went to press, Biffle's victory was not official.

### 1999 WINSTON CUP SCHEDULE

Oct. 3	Martinsville Speedway	Martinsville, Va.
Oct. 10	Charlotte Motor Speedway	Concord, N.C.
Oct. 17	Talladega Superspeedway	Talladega, Ala.
Oct. 24	North Carolina Speedway	Rockingham, N.C.
Nov. 7	Phoenix International Raceway	Avondale, Ariz.
Nov. 14	Miami-Dade Homestead Motorsports Complex	Homestead, Fla.
Nov. 21	Atlanta Motor Speedway	Hampton, Ga.

### FEUD OF THE WEEK

#### Dave Marcis vs. Chad Little

A tap from Little's Ford sent Marcis' Chevrolet into the wall. The 58-year-old veteran cursed Little and said, "I don't think he can see." Little, who finished seventh, said, "That was unfortunate, and I hate (that) it happened to him."

#### NASCAR This Week's Monte Dutton gives his opinion:

"Little admitted it was his fault, and the incident was purely not intentional. These things happen every week, although that doesn't make Marcis feel any better."

## ON THE SCHEDULE

### WINSTON CUP SERIES

**Coming up:** NAPA AutoCare 500  
**Where:** Martinsville (Va.)  
**Speedway:** (.526-mile track), 500 laps/263 miles  
**When:** Sunday, Oct. 3  
**Defending champion:** Ricky Rudd  
**Event qualifying record:** Ted

Musgrave, Ford, 94.129 mph.

**Race record:** Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 82.223 mph, Sept. 22, 1996

**Notable:** In order, the last three races here have been won by Bobby Hamilton, Rudd and John Andretti. ... Richard Petty won an incredible 15 races here. ... Andretti's victory earlier this

year was the only Pontiac victory this season by a driver not representing Joe Gibbs Racing.

### CRAFTSMAN TRUCKS

**Coming up:** Kroger 225  
**Where:** Louisville (Ky.) Motor Speedway (1.438-mile track), 225 laps/98.44 miles  
**When:** Friday, Oct. 1

**Defending champion:** Tony Raines

**Event qualifying record:** Terry Cook, Chevrolet, 103.921 mph  
**Race record:** Ron Hornaday, Chevrolet, 68.358 mph, July 12, 1997

**Notable:** Raines' victory for Ford ended a three-year Chevy winning streak. ... Hornaday is the only two-time winner.

### PROFILE

## Michael Waltrip



John Clark/NASCAR This Week

**Michael Waltrip has yet to win in 421 Winston Cup starts.**

By Monte Dutton  
NASCAR This Week

Michael Waltrip, whose older brother, Darrell, has won 84 Winston Cup races, still seeks his first win in the country's most prominent motorsports series.

Waltrip won The Winston all-star race in 1996 at what was then known as Charlotte Motor Speedway. That victory, coming in a race largely limited to drivers with previous wins, was one of the more improbable upsets in the history of stock car racing. Waltrip qualified for the event by finishing fifth in the preliminary race, the Winston Open.

No less an authority than Dale Earnhardt is baffled by Waltrip's inability to win a point race.

"I've always thought Michael Waltrip was a fine driver," said the seven-time champion. "Why he's never won is a mystery to me."

#### AGE: 36

**HOMETOWN:** Born and raised in Owensboro, Ky., resides in Sherrills Ford, N.C.

**WIFE:** Elizabeth "Buffy"

**CHILDREN:** Caitlin (9), Margaret Carol (2)  
**CAR:** No. 7 Phillips Chevrolet Monte Carlo, owned by Jim Mattie

**RECORD:** 421 starts, 2 poles, 0 wins, 17 top-five finishes, 81 top-10s, nearly \$9.5 million in career earnings.

**FIRSTS:** Start (May 26, 1985, at Charlotte), pole (May 30, 1991, at Dover), win (none)

**WAS JOE NEMECHKE'S NEW HAMPSHIRE VICTORY ENCOURAGING FOR YOU?** "That was one of the biggest upsets ever in Winston Cup racing. Joe Nemechek has been good at times, but he has lacked the consistency to put him on top of the list of people that might break through and win a race. That's what made Joe's win surprising and special. It's not because of a lack of ability on Joe's part or on the part of his team, but just because of where they have been. They broke out and broke out big. That excites me as a driver, and it's just good for our sport."

**IF JOE NEMECHKE CAN DO IT, CAN YOU?** "I really feel like this Phillips team has the capability to do what Joe did. It's kind of hard sometimes to get everybody to buy into that, but I feel that way. I know it didn't matter whether or not anyone was buying into it with Joe when they threw the checkered flag in New Hampshire."

## Your Turn

Letters From Our Readers

Dear NASCAR This Week,

I have often heard some of the race announcers say the drivers' feet become very hot during a few of the race events. Why is there not an insulated pad placed on the floor of the car under the drivers' feet?

Why don't any of the teams use four lugs on the wheels instead of five? It would make for a faster pit stop.

Is it possible to get a copy of the rule book?

Lee Waldon  
Ft. Walton Beach, Fla.

In many cases, there are insulated pads. In fact, there are many ways teams attempt to protect the drivers' feet: insulation beneath the floorboard, heat-protective footwear, etc. But these methods do not always work, particularly when, for whatever reason, the heat is excessive.

NASCAR must approve all equipment and will not allow teams to use wheels with four lugs.

To be issued a rule book, one must be a dues-paying member of NASCAR.

Dear NASCAR This Week,

"NASCAR family sticking together" Interviews after the Bristol race were more like a school of barracuda as closing in for the kill.

The media should use some restraint and wait before sticking a microphone in people's faces so quickly. Things are said in the heat of the moment that are better left unsaid. Hopefully some of these people are sorry and will apologize to (Dale) Earnhardt.

Ruth A. Crume  
Elkhart, Ind.

In the media's defense, nighttime races put reporters under tremendous deadline pressure. Many people who criticize the media for being overzealous would also criticize if the information in question was printed. You are right that people make statements "in the heat of the moment" they later regret, but just because a microphone is in someone's face doesn't mean that person has to say anything.

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### Trackside Trivia

1. How much did it cost to get in the first Southern 500 in 1950?
2. Who won the last Winston Cup race at North Wilkesboro?
3. Who was the last driver to win a race in a Chevy Lumina?

#### ANSWERS

1. \$5. 2. Jeff Gordon. 3. Terry Labonte

### AROUND THE GARAGE

## NASCAR drivers continue annual rotations

By Monte Dutton  
NASCAR This Week

**DOVER, Del.** — Ted Musgrave is out. Waltrip Dallenbach Jr. is in, effective next year in the No. 75 Ford jointly owned by Butch Mack and Tennessee businessman Darwin Oordt.

Both drivers confirmed the switch. Musgrave declined to speculate what future prospects he might have. But it is possible, according to a team source, that Oordt might retain Musgrave in a second car, provided a sponsor can be found.

Dallenbach's name has been bounced around in relation to virtually every available vacancy since

his contract was not renewed at Hendrick Motorsports.

The team, to be renamed Galaxy Motorsports, will have Jimmy Johnson, well known for his past service at Hendrick, as general manager.

"Jimmy Johnson is the reason why I was interested," said Dallenbach. "We're going to use Robert Yates engines, but other than that, everything is going to be done in-house. I've been given the opportunity to bring in people that I wanted to work with, and because of that, I think this is going to be a unique opportunity for me."

**NEMECHKE TO PETERE:** Joe Nemechek is the front-runner to replace Ken Schrader at Andy Petree Racing. Schrader's departure from Petree's No. 33 Chevrolet was announced two weeks ago, and Nemechek's victory last week at New Hampshire cemented his position as Schrader's likely replacement.

Expect an official announcement soon.

#### STILL TIME FOR A CHANGE

Felix Sabates is, of course, overjoyed at Joe Nemechek's recent victory at New Hampshire, but not so

ebullient that he will attempt to woo Nemechek to come back to the No. 42 Chevrole's next year.

"You can't look back on decisions you make," said Sabates, who announced his impending split with Nemechek about a month ago. "When you make a decision, you've thought about it hard. You can't go back and change a decision. It doesn't do anybody any good. We'll announce what we're going to do in November at Atlanta (the season's final race)."

If "what we're going to do" is not hire Kenny Irwin as Nemechek's successor, it will be as big an upset as the New Hampshire victory.

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## Cat Talk from Gove Elementary



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### Third Grade

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### Fourth Grade

Jazmin Billings, Sergio Zabala and Eddie Poole

### Fifth Grade

Wayne Johnson, Javorius Dowdell, Enjoli Saddler and Robert Dowdell

### Sixth Grade

Maria Benjamin, Shalonda Williams, Ranetta Burden, Clarence Anthony Jr. and Corsha Haslem

Again, congratulations for a job well done! The next "Principal's Challenge" will be administered on Oct. 1. We urge all of our students to take the "Challenge."

### Health Update

The staff at Gove Elementary is striving to help address the health issues of our students with the efforts of our school nurse.

The safety and healthy well-

being of our children is always a major concern for parents and school staff.

During the registration process, parents are asked to list medical conditions, allergies, daily medications or any other health issue related to the student.

This is an effort to further facilitate the level of communication between the home and the school.

The school nurse reviews the registration forms and contacts parents in order to implement a "Plan of Care" for the child.

These "Care Plans" can prove to be a valuable tool. It is very important for parents to share their experiences and recommendations by filling them out and returning them to the school nurse.

Parents are also urged to complete an "Emergency and Safety Card," if you did not fill one out during registration.

Please contact the school nurse or family center to obtain one or to update any information. It is very important to have accurate records in case of an emergency.

Parents of children with asthma, please be advised that "Albuterol Inhalers" Lot #9BBS25 have been recalled.

The recommendation is that the medication be returned to the manufacturer for replacement. If you are interested in learning more about asthma, you are invited to attend the "Asthma Adventure" seminar scheduled for Oct. 2 between the hours of 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. at Glades Central High School.

This is a great opportunity to learn how to control asthma while enjoying free gifts, drinks and food.

The American Lung Mobile will visit our school on Oct. 27 and Oct. 28. The American Lung Association will also provide third, fourth and fifth graders with a course on "Open Airway." More information will be sent home at a later date.

### Upcoming Events

Sept. 28 - Oct. 6

Book Fair

Sept. 30

Orientation E.S.E.

Oct. 5

Fitness Night

Oct. 7

Field Trip for 3rd Grade

Oct. 28

Field Trip for 1st, 2nd, 4th

and 5th grades



The month of September is already over and October promises to be a busy month for Glades Day students and faculty as they look forward to the Fall Festival and the end of the first nine weeks' grading period.

South Florida was tremendously lucky in avoiding a direct hit from Hurricane Floyd but, as most of you are probably aware, the Bahamas and North Carolina didn't fare so well. The GDS community helped out by bringing in lots of clothes to donate to the Bahamas Relief Fund. We thank all of those who were so generous!

Another relief fund got a big boost from GDS students in August when the National Honor Society sponsored a food and clothing drive for the victims of the earthquake in Turkey. Thanks to the students' efforts, hundreds of canned goods and other non-perishable items were collected and sent to Europe.

There were lots of smiles on

## Glades Day Gator Tales

campus on Sept. 21 when Moya Studios came to take pictures of students in grades PreK-11. Those of you who were absent or missed pictures due to other reasons may have yours taken when they come for retakes on Wednesday, Oct. 13.

The seniors are proudly sporting brand new shirts featuring the Class of 2000, thanks to Mike and Yolanda Moya. Students who ordered their senior portrait packages by July 30 received free T-shirts. Those who did not order their portraits by that date but would still like to buy a T-shirt may do so for \$12. Please contact Karen Hansford in the high school office.

Mrs. Marian Primmer's Computer I/II/IV students are ably putting their newly learned skills to use in doing projects for the school. We congratulate senior Emily Reese, whose creative ad design for GDS was chosen to be submitted for the Florida Council of Independent Schools' annual booklet. Two of the other final-

ists were juniors Joanna Alvarez and Olivia Moya.

Thank you for your efforts, girls!

Mrs. Primmer's students are also designing other projects such as the tickets for the drawings at the Fall Festival and flyers that are sent to the parents. Senior Vicky Provenzale designed the flyer that went to the parents concerning the Booster Club's car drawing at the Fall Festival.

Speaking of the Fall Festival, it is only a couple of weeks away (Saturday, Oct. 16). If you haven't purchased your \$100 ticket for the black Chevrolet Alero, don't delay any longer!

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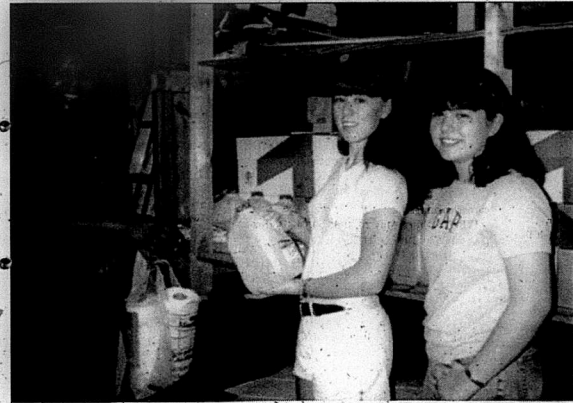
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**HELPING HANDS...** Euranda Clarke, (left) of the Belle Glade office of Catholic charities accepts donations from Niki (center) and Sandi Calhoun who recently completed their requirements for the Girl Scout Silver Award with projects that benefited the children and families of Belle Glade. This project was done by Sandi who helped collect donations for families during hurricane Floyd. She prepared hurricane boxes for local residents. The boxes contained food, emergency blankets, can openers, flashlights, batteries, toilet paper, coloring books and other necessary supplies.

## Sisters Complete Requirements for GS Silver Award

Niki and Sandi Calhoun recently completed the requirements for the Girl Scout Silver Award with projects that benefited the children and families of Belle Glade.

They are daughters of Teri and Steve Calhoun of Jupiter and members of Girl Scout Troop 488.

The Silver Award is the highest award that may be achieved by girls in the Cadette level.

Niki, age 15, chose to beautify and improve a playground for the children of GladesKids Activity Center and the youth programs of St. Philip's Church.

She researched needs, secured donations of flowers and money and came to Belle Glade with a group of volunteers—Teri and Steve Calhoun, Kathy Rogers, Scott Bales, and Sean Robertson.

They were assisted by the GladesKids Garden Club and the girls of Troop 488 (Jupiter) and Troop 719

(Belle Glade)—Tessi Rogers, Sandi Calhoun, Sandy Laborde, Rose Petihomme, and Merana Samuel.

Local donors were Carter Electric (trees) and Robbie Tires.

The garden volunteers painted playground equipment, built a sandbox, filled truck tires to start a garden area and planted flowers.

Niki gave Sister Laura Cavanaugh, director of GladesKids, money for trees, topsoil, fertilizer, and left a new park bench for the grounds.

"You never saw such delight as the day the children came in and discovered their renovated playground," says Sr. Laura. "At least, 25 children tried to jam into their new sandbox at the same time!"

Sandi was concerned that the poor of Belle Glade would not have the resources to prepare for a hurricane.

So she chose as her Silver Award project the preparation of 10 hurricane boxes.

Each box contained food, emergency blankets, can openers, flashlights, batteries, toilet paper, coloring books and other necessary supplies.

She also obtained a large donation of bottled water from Winn Dixie.

These were donated to the Belle Glade Office of Catholic Charities with perfect timing—just before Hurricane Floyd.

"Even though they were not needed this time, we'll have them ready for the future," says Ms. Euranda Clarke of Catholic Charities.

Niki is now a Senior Girl Scout, and Sandi an independently registered Cadette connected to Niki's troop.

Someday they will be working on their Gold Awards, the highest level awarded to Senior (high school) Girl Scouts.

Hopefully they will again keep Belle Glade in mind when that time comes.

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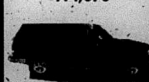
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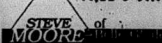
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**GIRLS SCOUTS WORKING...**Volunteer Girl Scout Troop 488 and Troop 719 helped to renovate this local playground. The Scouts received the Silver Award.

## Area ministers invited to revival in Miami

During last weekend's meeting of area ministers at the Drawbridge Cafe for the Senior HIV Intervention Project (SHIP) luncheon, guest speaker Rev. George McRae invited everyone to attend his tent revival in Miami to get a better grasp of the problems the Glades area faces if something is not done to stop the spread of AIDS.

"Our communities are in turmoil, poverty is rampant, disease is widespread, crime and drugs have become the norms in our community," said Rev. McRae. "Many of us call ourselves followers of Christ but we stand by watching all of this happen."

For the past 10 years, Mt. Tabor Baptist Church has been holding the Tent Revival on the streets of Liberty City in an effort to reach out to the people and bring them into the church.

On Sept. 30 and Oct. 1, the church will again hold their tent revival and Rev. McRae asked area ministers to attend in order to begin the revival in the Glades.

On the spot HIV testing will be held along with counselors who will advise everyone who needs it, where to go for help. Social Services are also on hand to help the people with any services they are entitled to and are not receiving.

Five area ministers, in the Glades, have pledged to the SHIP program their intention of developing an HIV education program for the Glades.

SHIP is a collaborative effort sponsored by the State of Florida Department of Elder Affairs and designed to bring HIV education and support to seniors.

The project was developed because of the grow-

ing number of seniors infected with the HIV disease.

The ministers, spouses and representatives from the churches will attend the Tent Revival in Miami in hopes of bringing the revival to the Glades area.

Local ministers invited to attend the tent revival, signed a Declaration of Eradication of HIV provided by the SHIP program.

They included Rev. Johnny Johnson from Inspirational Church of God, Rev. Isaac Jones, Rev. Eva Harris and Rev. Eva Bowers from Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church, Pastor Earl C. Poitier from Church of God in Christ #1; Pastor Charles Derico from First Born Church of the Living God, Rev. Dr. Clifford Davis from Wesleyan Community Holiness Church, Pastor Lee Humphrey from Youth Crusade Deliverance, Rev. Joseph Michel from God David Day from Community United Methodist Church, Pastor Willie James from The First Born Church of The Living God, Father Jeremiah Reen representing Father Luis Ainetto from St. Philip Benizi Catholic Church, Rev. Darryl Hail from St. James A.M.E. Church in Ft. Lauderdale, Rev. Morales St. Hilaire from First Baptist Haitian Mission, Rev. Patricia S. Wallace from Harvest African Methodist Episcopal Church, Rev. Larry White from Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church and Royal E. York representing Father John Mericantante of St. Mary's Catholic Church.

For more information on attending the revival contact Mt. Tabor Baptist Church at (305) 754-2268.

## Annual blessing of the animals

The Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League of the Palm Beaches will host the Annual Blessing of the Animals Service on Sunday, Oct. 3 at 2 p.m.

The event will be held at the League's shelter and clinic located at 3200 N. Military Trail, 1 mile north of Okeechobee Blvd.) in West Palm Beach.

"The public is invited to bring all pets, dogs, cats, birds, exotic, rabbits, hamsters, to this free event. All 'critters' and their friends are invited! Each pet blessed will receive a signed commemorative certificate with the pets name to commemorate the occasion.

The Blessing of the Animals Service is held to express a spirit of thanksgiving in recognition of the special bond between pets and people and to remember the pleasures brought by those creatures who share our home and our lives.

The Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League is Palm Beach County's oldest animal rescue organization and will mark its 75th anniversary next spring.

The long-term success of the League has been accomplished through the generous donations, endowments and bequests of many benefactors in the Palm Beach County community and a series of fund raising functions.

The League provides over 12 services to Palm Beach County animals including 24 hour ambulance service, cruelty investigations, confined stray pickups, lost and found, rabies clinic, dog dipping tank, pet therapy visits and cremation. In addition to providing shelter to the thousands of homeless animals in the community, the League also offers a low cost spay/neuter service.

To date, more than 81,000 animals have been sterilized, thereby preventing untold suffering. Adoptable animals are always available for viewings at the shelter or clinic during operating hours.

For more information call (561) 686-3663.

## Obituaries

Week of Sept. 30, 1999

**Asa Jackson Huggins**, 86, of Belle Glade died Tuesday, Sept. 21 at his home.

Mr. Huggins was born June 15, 1913 in Greenville, FL. At the age of nine he lost his father and became the head of the household, accepting the responsibilities of adulthood to help his family.

Mr. Huggins married Myrtice O'Neil Brady on Dec. 24, 1932 and in 1963 moved his family to Belle Glade. He was an ordained minister with many years of service while also working as a carpenter for Roe Steele Construction.

Mr. Huggins is survived by his wife of 66 years, Myrtice of Belle Glade, two sons; Jack and Maureen Huggins of Fairbanks, Alaska and Kenneth and Edie Huggins of Cape Coral, two daughters; Linda and Walter Parker of Clewiston and Beth and Jerry Rawlins of Port St. Lucie and one brother Wilbur Huggins of Greenville, FL. Mr. Huggins was preceded in death by a daughter, Betty Jean Huggins.

Mr. Huggins also left behind seven grandchildren; Gene, Higgins and Jackson Huggins, Sharon Parrella, Chris Rawlins, Johnny Parker and Diana Stowe and two great grandchildren.

He will be remembered by his family and friends as a devoted and loving husband, father and grandfather, a man who believed in God, hard work and led an exceptionally full and happy life.

Visitation was held on Thursday, Sept. 23 in the chapel of Mixson Funeral Home. Funeral services were Friday, Sept. 24 at Chosen Missionary Baptist Church and interment at Foreverglades Cemetery in Belle Glade.

Mixson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Josephine Aspy, 90, of Belle Glade died Friday, Sept. 24 in West Palm Beach.

Mrs. Aspy was born in Titusville, Pa. in 1909 and had moved to Belle Glade in 1934. She was preceded in death by her husband Donald T. Aspy and a grandson, Steve Wester.

Mrs. Aspy was a member of the Community United Methodist Church in Belle Glade. She was Past Worthy Matron of the Eastern Star, Mother Advisor for the Order of the Rainbow Girls in Belle Glade.

Survivors include her loving son; William T. Aspy and his wife, Helen, of Belle Glade; grandchildren, Sheryl Shaw of Gainesville, Robert B. Wester of Royal Palm Beach, Lee Morgan of Loxahatchee and six great grandchildren.

A visitation was held on Monday, Sept. 27 at Glades-Funeral Chapel in Belle Glade. A graveside service was held on Tuesday, Sept. 28 at Foreverglades Mausoleum with Rev. David Day officiating.

Lina Navarro-Hernandez, passed away Thursday, Sept. 23 on her 90th birthday. Mrs. Navarro was born in Mexico and moved to Belle Glade in 1955, where she and her husband, Roman Navarro Mata raised their family.

Mrs. Navarro was preceded in death by her husband and one daughter, Maria Navarro.

She leaves behind ten children. Sons: Juan Navarro of Greenacres, Jacinto Navarro of Belle Glade, Luis Navarro of Belle Glade, Carlos Navarro of Belle Glade and Ramon Navarro of Clewiston.

She also leaves behind five daughters, Candida Casas of Mexico, Gloria Perez of West Palm Beach, Frances Navarro of West Palm Beach, Anita Navarro of Belle Glade and Martha Navarro of Belle Glade.

Mrs. Navarro also leaves behind 51 grandchildren, 40 great grandchildren and 15 great-great grandchildren. Visitation for Mrs. Navarro was held on Sunday, Sept. 26 in the chapel of Mixson Funeral Home.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, Sept. 27 in the First Baptist Church, Spanish Mission, in Belle Glade with Pastor Rigel Zelaya officiating. Interment followed at Our Lady Queen of Peace Cemetery in Royal Palm Beach.

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## Former Glades Central students join the Florida A & M University "Marching 100"

Three former students traded their Glades Central band uniforms and leadership positions for new uniforms and new leadership roles in one of the nation's leading university bands.

Former section leaders Clayton Maddox, tuba; Reson Konchellah, flute; and Morana St. Hilaire, trombone have earned positions as freshman section leaders for their respective instrumental in the Florida A & M University "Marching 100."

The FAMU band, which boasts 350 members, has its largest contingent of freshmen ever. The usual 70 or so new members the band accepts annually, more than doubled this year, according to band director, Dr. Julian White.

To be selected as Freshman Section Leader means superior performance in instrumentation as well as

the other elements of performance.

Additionally, it means the ability to organize, assist and inspire your section to achieve their maximum performance potential.

Each of the new FAMU leaders attributes his achievement to the excellent training, mentorship and discipline from Glades Central's band director, Mr. Willie Pyfrom.

Himself a FAMU graduate, Pyfrom said he was not surprised at the achievement of his former students.

"They are among the hardest working musicians I've ever had the privilege of working with," he said. "Clayton, Reson and Morana are not only excellent musicians. Their integrity and self-discipline makes them stand out as leaders."

Another testimony to the able mentorship and train-

ing of Mr. Pyfrom and the strength of his instrumental music program is demonstrated in the success of FAMU sophomore, Sam Rowley, who, in his second year of college, is the overall Section Leader for the trumpet section, a distinction more commonly held by seniors.

Several other Glades Central graduates have met the rigorous standard for membership in the internationally acclaimed band, among them is freshman Hubert Cox, who plays drums.

The band was recently featured in three days of performances in Miami. They have been selected to perform the half-time show for the season-opener Jacksonville Jaguars games each year of the team's existence. They also were the only band chosen to represent the United States at the bi-centennial celebration of France.

## Boys and Girls Club program at Gove Elementary School requested

The school district will recommend that the School Board approve a grant application for the Florida Department of Education Targeted School and Instructional Enhancement grant in partnership with a Boys and Girls Club program.

This grant will be assigned to and administered by Gove Elementary School for a one year period.

The staff in the grant will offer extended educational opportunities in the areas of reading, writing and mathematics through

intensive homework assistance and small group tutoring.

The student related outcome has improved student achievement in critical areas of need in reading, writing and mathematics for higher scores on the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT).

The grant is aligned with and supports current curriculum. In addition, it promotes health, education, character development and prevention among youth.

This grant will fund program salaries and benefits

in the amount of \$80,477 for project administration, instructors and assistants. General Services Staff accounts for \$1,360.

In addition, \$2,200 is allocated for supplies, \$1,000 for training, \$3,336 for program operations and indirect costs at \$3,580.

The part-time positions will be assigned to and monitored by the Boys and Girls Club project director at Gove Elementary School.

For more information, contact Eugenia Jones at (561)996-4900.

## Gove Elementary receives Five Star School Award

Gove Elementary School was one of 37 Palm Beach County Schools notified by the Florida Department of Education that they were selected to receive the prestigious Five Star School designation.

The Five Star Award design-

ates and recognizes schools that have total community involvement. The purpose of this award program is to provide a yardstick for schools to use in an annual self-analysis of their level of involvement with the community.

Superintendent Joan Kowal said, "The Five Star Award is an indicator of achievement in the categories of volunteer, business partnerships, family involvement, student community service and school advisory councils."

"One of our school board's goals is increased involvement by parents, business and other community interests through partnerships designed to achieve academic improvement and accountability," said Superintendent Kowal.

The number of schools receiving the Five Star Award almost doubled since last year, when 20 schools obtained it.

In order to qualify for this award, a school must achieve 100 percent of the community involvement-related criteria, in the areas of Business Partnerships, Family Involvement, Volunteers, Student Community Service and School Advisory Councils.



**MARCHING 100...** Clayton Maddox on the tuba, Reson Konchellah on the flute and Morana St. Hilaire on the trombone have earned positions as Freshman Section Leaders for their respective instruments in the Florida A & M University.

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**A STAR IS BORN...** Earl C. Poitier III, a 1993 graduate of Glades Central High School, has been offered a role in the new film, *Remember the Titans*, a movie starring Denzel Washington.

Poitier moved to Tampa from Belle Glade to attend the University of Tampa, where he earned a BA in musical theater and an minor in music. Feeling there would be more opportunities to pursue a movie career, Poitier moved to Atlanta.

Two weeks after sending his portfolio to the second largest talent agency in the city, he was asked to read a script for a movie that was being filmed in Atlanta about a black high school football player set in the early 70's.

"Somehow my picture was placed at the top of the stack," said Poitier. "I was called in to read for the agency then called back a few days later to read for the director. Then they told me I had the role."

Poitier is the son of Rev. Earl and Dorothy Poitier of Belle Glade.

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**FIRE/From Pg. 1**

Within minutes the department arrived and began fighting the flames.

"Everything in the house was destroyed," Crawford said.

Including his purple heart he had received from Vietnam, as well as, pictures of him and his friends, during the war.

As Crawford walked through the charred remains of what was once his home of 19 years, you couldn't help but feel sorry for his loss.

"I have lived in this house for many years and had been

doing some remodeling," Crawford said. "All of my pictures of my grandparents, my friends in Vietnam and my football trophies it makes you realize what you have collected and the things that can't be replaced. But I am alive and I just have to start over."

Crawford's house was completely destroyed by the fire.

Chief Gary Burroughs of the Pahokee Fire Department said the fire has been classified as electrical.

"We also had a problem with a valve sticking at ground level

at one of the fire hydrants," Burroughs said. "However, it was not a factor in fighting the fire because the first fire truck on the scene held 1,250 gallons of water."

According to Burroughs within minutes the valve opened and the fire was extinguished.

Crawford said his insurance investigators are looking into the source of the fire, whether it started at the house or at the the Florida Power and Light pole outside.

## Child support collections up by nearly 70 percent as program marks five years with revenue department

The Department of Revenue (DOR) has increased child support collections by nearly 70 percent since the Legislature transferred the enforcement program to the agency, according to just released statistics.

The increase in collections comes even as the overall number of child support cases has remained at about the same level.

The Child Support enforcement (CSE) program handles approximately 847,000 cases representing just more than 1 million children.

"We're proud of what we've been able to accomplish, but as long as one child is doing without, we know the job isn't finished," said DOR Executive Director Larry Fuchs.

Fuchs also announced that the DOR now has a single toll-free number for child support services, 1-800-622-5437 or 1-800-622 KIDS, that is linked to the agency's 10 regional customer service units. Clients will have their calls routed to the appropriate customer service units.

Clients will have their calls routed to the appropriate customer service unit through the toll-free system. The only exceptions are child support cases in Dade and Manatee counties, which are not handled by the DOR.

For fiscal year 1998-99, which ended June 30, the DOR collected \$656.6 million in child support. That represents a 68.9 percent increase in collections since July 1994, when the Child Support Enforcement (CSE) program was transferred to DOR from what was then the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services. Child support collections for Fiscal 1993-94 were \$388.6 million.

Fuchs credited much of the program's success in boosting collections "to the dedicated CSE employees who quickly adapted to more efficient operational procedures and automation along with the new enforcement tools provided by the Florida Legislature and Congress."

These tools include:

- \* The ability to suspend Florida driver licenses for

failure to pay child support.

- \* The creation of state and national registries of new hires in which businesses in every state must report new workers. The information is used to locate parents who owe child support so the payments can be automatically deducted from their paychecks.

- \* The placement of child support arrest warrants on Florida's crime computer, enabling law enforcement officials to track deadbeats across county lines.

The CSE program marked its five year anniversary with the DOR in July. During the past two years, the DOR created 10 regional customer service units to more efficiently answer calls from clients seeking updates on their cases. The customer service units handle these routine inquiries, which allows other DOR employees to spend more time on enforcement actions that actually result in child support payments. The units are answering more than 90 percent of the 200,000 calls the CSE program receives each month.



Members of the Belle Glade Lions Club enjoyed a night out recently at the newly-opened Black Gold Steakhouse in Belle Glade.

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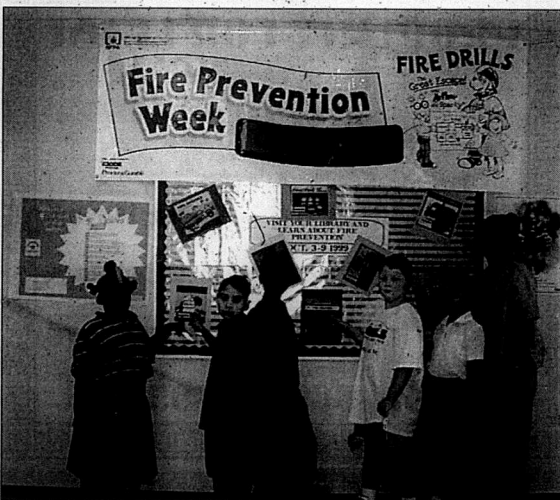
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Sealed bids will be received by the City of Palooka  
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